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Kankakee Fire Department Welcomes Hana Landry and Kyle St. Peter

Kankakee, IL – Being close to home and serving the community are common reasons among new hires within the City of Kankakee, and it's no different for the Kankakee Fire Department's newest team members.

Kyle St. Peter is a Kankakee High School graduate. Growing up in Aroma Park, Kyle saw his first fire truck and knew he wanted to become a firefighter. He took his first ride along at the age of 17. After graduation, Kyle went on to train at the fire academy and complete paramedic school. Prior to returning to Kankakee, Kyle served on the Beecher Fire Protection District, Bourbonnais Fire Department, and Aroma Park Fire Department.

"I was inspired to return home because Kankakee is home. I would not be where I am today if it were not for my wife and family who are my biggest supporters. I look forward to continuing to serve the people and the community," said Firefighter, Kyle St. Peter.

The Kankakee Fire Department also welcomed Hana Landry. Hana is from Chebanse, and stated she started working in the fire service as early as in her high school years as a student. Hana graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. After graduation, she went on to pursue higher education and become a certified paramedic. Taking fire rescue classes as part of the career center through high school however led to her passion.

"I am actually a first generation firefighter. Prior to becoming one, no one in my family is in the fire service. I plan to serve the community well and lead the way for future generations. I wanted a career that required me to be active, stay in shape, and be a part of the community," said Firefighter, Hana Landry.

"We are happy to have new firefighters who are filling in the roles of retirees. We are also thrilled to have another woman on the team. Both Hana and Kyle come highly

recommended and passed the process. We will continue to put our best foot forward to serve our community,” said Fire Chief, Damon Schuldt.

“I would like to congratulate Kankakee’s newest firefighters. I am also proud that Hana chose the Kankakee Fire Department to continue her career and I would like to welcome Kyle back home. We wish them much success and look forward to their service in the community,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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